Development of Kanya Kumari as a Tourist Centre

309. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to develop Kanya Kumari as the most important tourist centre in the South?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism have sanctioned following projects/schemes to develop Kanyakumari as a tourist centre:—

(a) Construction of beach cottages;

(b) Tourist amenities at bathing ghats;

(c) Floodlighting of Vivekanand Rock Memorial;

(d) Rerry Launch and a Cafeteria.

Completion of East-Coast Highway

310. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to complete the East Coast National Highway between Kanyakumari and Calcutta; and

(b) whether Government would take quick steps to construct this East Coast Highway considering the security vulnerability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) East Coast Road runs from Madras to Kanyakumari, and is a motorable State Road. The development of this road is the responsibility of State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry.

Construction of Airport at Tuticorin

311. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of airport at Tuticorin has been completed;

(b) if so, by when this airport will be brought on the map of air routes; and

(c) what is the cost of the project and how much expenditure has been incurred so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI (MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vayudoot Ltd. has no plans for starting any service to Tuticorin at present.

(c) The total estimated cost for construction of Tuticorin airport is approximately Rs. 4.00 crores. Actual expenditure incurred so far is Rs. 3.20 crores.

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312. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास के लिए गुजरात सरकार ने केंद्र सरकार के पास कुल कितने प्रस्ताव भेजे हैं;

(ख) अभी तक स्वीकृत किए गए प्रस्तावों का ब्यौरा क्या है;